

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the application as follows:

1. **(Original)** A system for outputting formatted information comprising:
 an input data text file comprising a plurality of name/value pairs;
 a recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptions, at least some of
the formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of the name/value pairs; and
 an execution program configured to:
 convert the recipe text file into a sequence of executable objects;
 receive a request for rendering outputs;
 in response to the request, execute the executable objects to render one or
more of said name/value pairs in accordance with said formatting descriptions;
 such that format can be changed by coordinated alternation of said input
data text file and said recipe text file.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the output rendered is a~~
label said outputs form a label.

3. **(Original)** A method for outputting formatted information comprising the steps of:
- providing an input data text file comprising a plurality of name/value pairs;
 - providing a recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptions, at least some of the formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of the name/value pairs;
 - converting the recipe text file into a sequence of executable objects;
 - receiving a first request for rendering outputs;
 - executing the sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said name/value pairs in accordance with said formatting descriptions;
 - modifying said recipe text file to include one or more modified formatting descriptions;
 - converting said recipe text file as modified into a modified sequence of executable objects;
 - receiving a second request for rendering outputs; and
 - executing the modified sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said name/value pairs in accordance with said modified formatting descriptions.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of:
- modifying said input data text file including one or more modified name/value pairs.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein ~~the output rendered is a label~~ said step of executing the modified sequence of executable objects produces a label.
6. **(New)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing the modified sequence of executable objects produces a report.

7. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing the modified sequence of executable objects produces said outputs on a printer.

8. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing the modified sequence of executable objects produces said outputs in an electronic format.

9. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of providing a recipe text file further comprises:

providing, in at least some of said formatting descriptions, a composite artifact configured to render said outputs in a particular arrangement.

10. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of providing a recipe text file further comprises:

providing, in at least some of said formatting descriptions, an artifact modifier configured to test whether the value in one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs falls within a predetermined range of acceptable values before said outputs are rendered.

11. **(New)** The system of claim 1, wherein said outputs form a report.
12. **(New)** The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to render said outputs on a printer.
13. **(New)** The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to render said outputs in an electronic format.
14. **(New)** The system of claim 1, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include a composite artifact configured to render said outputs in a particular arrangement.
15. **(New)** The system of claim 1, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include an artifact modifier configured to test whether the value in one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs falls within a predetermined range of acceptable values before said outputs are rendered.